



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

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Jennifer Ryan, Acting Director
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RE: Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection (GNOCHC)
Project number: 11-W-00252/6
Request for Extension of Waiver Program


Dear Ms. Ryan:

In accordance with our recent conversations with CMS staff, the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH) is requesting a 12 month extension of Louisiana's §1115 Demonstration Waiver, referred to as the GNOCHC waiver. Currently, the waiver is set to expire on December 31, 2013. This extension will enable the State to preserve continuity of services for the demonstration population as we continue to explore realistic options that may allow us the opportunity to pursue renewal of this important waiver to the citizens in the Greater New Orleans area.

We look forward to a continued dialogue with CMS regarding sustainability of this program and working with you to securing a renewed waiver.

Thank you for your kind assistance. If you have any questions or comments or need more information, please contact Marisa Naquin at 504-568-8280.

Sincerely,



J. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director

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